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PALAU COMMUNITY WELCOMES HOME BELOVED GRAND MASTER NAVIGATOR SESARIO SEWRALUR



THE CONVOY OF GRANDMASTER NAVIGATOR SEWRALUR'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL



GRANDMASTER NAVIGATOR SESARIO SEWRALUR

The nation of Palau and the broader Pacific community recently gathered in deep mourning and profound gratitude to welcome home the late Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur. Remembered as a master wayfinder, dedicated teacher, and cultural guide, Sewralur's legacy as a keeper of traditional oceanic navigation leaves an indelible mark on the region. On Saturday, July 18, 2026, community members and leaders came together to line the roads for his return, marking the beginning of his final homecoming services.

To honor his arrival in Palau, a Roadside Candlelight Vigil, coordinated by Ms. Darnelle Worwick, began at 5:00 PM on July 18 and continued until he arrived. Members of the public lined the roads from the airport to Palau Funeral Home & Chapel, holding candles as a sign of

respect to light the way home for Palau's esteemed wayfinder. The late Grandmaster Navigator, Mr. Sesario Sewralur's funeral will take place on August 7th, 2026. It will begin with the departure from the morgue to Sacred Heart Church. Following the funeral mass, funeral services will be held at the Santos Borja Chapel in Ngetkib, Airai and will then proceed to Melekeok. The service will then continue at the residence of Paramount Chief Reklai Bao Ngirmang before Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur is laid to rest at the Uudes clan Odesongel.

Gathering in the spirit of "One Ocean, One Family," Palau honors his life, celebrates his enduring journey, and prepares to bid farewell to a true master of the sea. His profound legacy will continue to guide generations to come.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



PCC DEAN HILDA N. REKLAI (L), CMI DEAN MEYAR MAMIS-LAUKON (CENTER), PCC VICE PRESIDENT JAY OLEGERIIL (BACK), PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI (R)

Palau Community College (PCC) recently welcomed Meyar Mamis-Laukon, Dean of Student Services at the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), for an official courtesy visit to the Koror campus. During her visit, Dean Mamis-Laukon met with key members of PCC's executive leadership team, including PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, and PCC Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai. The meeting highlighted the strong ties between regional institutions across Micronesia. The leaders engaged in productive discussions centered on student development, enhancing campus life services, and exploring new avenues for peer collaboration to support higher education throughout the region. PCC expressed its gratitude to Dean Mamis-Laukon for visiting and looks forward to continued partnership with CMI in the future.

PCC-CRE Welcomes Oregon State University for Annual Educational and Cultural Exchange

Article Contributed by: Sasha Kyota, Climate Change Extension Agent, PCC-CRE



MEMBERS OF PCC-CRE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

On June 30 and July 1, the Palau Community College- Cooperative Research and Extension proudly welcomed students and faculty from Oregon State University for another meaningful exchange of learning, collaboration, and cultural appreciation. Oregon State University has been a valued partner and regular guest of PCC-CRE, visiting annually, or at times every two years, to participate in educational experiences with Ebiil Camp and to engage with our extension and research programs. These visits continue to strengthen the long standing relationship between our institutions while fostering a shared commitment to environmental stewardship, food security, and community development.

The two day program began with a visit to the PCC-CRE Research and Development Station in Ngeremlengui. The station serves as a vital center for agricultural research, demonstration, and innovation, where sustainable farming practices are tested, refined, and shared with local farmers and the wider community. Students were introduced to ongoing projects focused on improving crop production, soil

health, climate resilient agriculture, and the conservation of local plant varieties. They also learned how the station supports Palau's food security goals by promoting practical and sustainable agricultural techniques that help reduce dependence on imported foods while encouraging local food production.

Throughout the visit, participants gained a deeper understanding of the purpose and mission of PCC-CRE. Discussions highlighted the importance of research that directly benefits communities, extension programs that provide education and technical support to farmers and families, and the role of community engagement in building a healthier and more sustainable future for Palau. The students had the opportunity to ask questions, exchange ideas, and learn firsthand how research and outreach work together to address local challenges while preserving Palau's natural resources and cultural values.

On July 1, the group traveled to Metuker ra Bisech, also known as PCC Rock Island, where they

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PCC Concludes Three-Week Youth Summer Extracurricular Program



STUDENTS OF THE PCC YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM



STUDENTS PICTURED DURING THE TEMAKI DEMO



CHEF KASTUYAMA HISANORI (L) AND TR. MORISAKI (R)

On Friday, July 17, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) concluded a successful three-week summer program for 42 local youth. The initiative offered six subjects—Singapore Math, English Reading & Writing, Palauan Orthography, Marine Science, Computer Applications, and Basic Art—split evenly between two instructors. Students took between one and four classes, which were taught in intensive two-hour blocks with regular breaks.

The final day featured a cross-cultural event hosted by the Embassy of Japan from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, where Chef Katsuyama Hisanori taught students how to make Temaki (hand-rolled) sushi. Right after the seminar, PCC held an awarding ceremony recognizing the students' hard work and creativity, sending them home with certificates, sharpened skills, and a memorable taste of international culture.

BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Updated hours starting July, 20, 2026:

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday
CLOSED

Regular semester hours will resume on **Monday, August 17, 2026**

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested

Readers:

OWL



The January/February 2026 issue of OWL Magazine celebrates the Winter Olympics alongside the publication's historic 50th anniversary. This special edition features an exciting Olympic Games primer and exclusive interviews with Canadian athletes training for Milano-Cortina. It also packs in plenty of interactive fun, including themed puzzles like an Olympic maze, a wildlife profile on the stoat, and a kid-friendly brownie recipe.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JUL 30 (TH)

LAST DAY FOR CHANGE OF GRADES

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explored the historical significance of the area. Participants learned that the island was once home to a thriving village, offering a unique glimpse into Palau's rich cultural heritage and the lives of its early inhabitants. The visit provided an opportunity to reflect on the enduring connection between Palau's people, history, and environment.

Following the historical tour, the group visited several of Palau's scenic tourist sites before concluding the excursion and returning home. These experiences allowed the students to appreciate the country's remarkable natural beauty while gaining a broader understanding of the

importance of protecting both its cultural and environmental treasures. PCC-CRE extends its sincere appreciation to Oregon State University for its continued partnership and enthusiasm for learning alongside our staff and communities. We are especially grateful to Bryan for making this opportunity possible and for his continued support in fostering educational exchanges that inspire collaboration, mutual respect, and lasting friendships. We look forward to welcoming Oregon State University back for many more years of shared learning and meaningful engagement.

PCC ADMISSION

OPEN FOR 2026

CLASS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ALL NEW, READMITTING AND RETURNING STUDENTS.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ **Registration Dates**
 - July 13 – August 13, 2026
 - August 14, 2026 (Late Registration)
- ✓ **New Student Orientation**
 - August 4, 2026
- ✓ **Fall 2026 Semester Begins**
 - August 17, 2026

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More Information:

- ☎ 488-2470/2471 ext 269
- 🌐 <https://pcc.palau.edu>

Start your journey with us

Announcement

Pacific STEP-UP Summer Research Program

What: An 8-week paid summer biomedical research mentorship for high school students, ending with an August symposium.

Who: High school juniors and seniors (U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or residents of U.S.-affiliated Pacific territories).

Apply: October 15 – February 15

To Learn More Please Scan the QR Code below or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/StepUpFlyer1>



Interested in learning transferrable media and marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign up.

Celebrating Birthdays

July 24 - July 30, 2026



**Fredrick
Ikertang**



**Sharinna
L. Kioshi**



**Tanya
Ngirkuteling**

ALUMNI NOTES

Pearl T. Eberdong



Pearl T. Eberdong earned her Associate of Science degree in STEM Disciplines in the Spring of 2026. We at PCC extend our heartfelt congratulations and wish her continued success and good luck in her future endeavors!

PCC ENDOWMENT

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
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*If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **Contact Us Now!***



Mesekiu's News welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to pccdev@palau.edu

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

Announcement: Enrollment Now Open at Palau Community College CTE Lab School

Palau Community College CTE Lab School invites interested students to apply for our Construction Technology program. We are dedicated to admitting students who aspire to achieve a degree in this field.

The program spans four years, with the first two years focused on secondary education before transitioning into the Construction Technology, Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in the final two years.

To ensure a smooth application process, applicants are reminded to prepare a complete application form alongside all required documents.

Important deadlines and application requirements can be found on our website or by contacting us directly. For questions, please reach out to us at 488-2470/2471 ext. 281 or contact Teacher Bradley R. Augustine at 775-8065.

For more info, scan the QR code:



We appreciate your interest in the PCC CTE Lab School and look forward to welcoming new students!

